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Please add the following new claims:

a-2 4. A natural feathered fiber insulator which comprises 1 to 99 weight % of a natural feathered fiber and 1 to 99 weight % of a core sheath composite synthetic fiber as a binder 1 to 99 weight %, both percentages being relative to the total weight of the insulator.

a-3 5. The natural feathered fiber according to claim 4, wherein the core sheath composite synthetic fiber has a sheath portion made of a low melting point polyolefin and a core portion made of a high melting point synthetic resin.

a-4 6. The natural feathered fiber according to claim 4 or 5, wherein the natural feathered insulator comprises the natural feathered fiber in an amount of 50 to 90 weight %.